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Officials spent 20 hours emptying offices

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Security videos obtained from the Plymouth Township Police Department have given rise to numerous questions and concern regarding the actions of two former elected officials who spent the last 20 hours of their terms shredding documents and removing items from their township offices.

According to video evidence obtained through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by The Eagle, former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and former Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman were recorded removing unknown materials and numerous large clear plastic bags from township hall.

Both former officials, defeated in the November election, were required by law to vacate their offices in the municipal premises by noon Nov. 20. Several time-stamped surveillance devices show the pair exiting and re-entering the building during a 20-hour period from 3 p.m. Nov. 19 until 9 a.m. Nov. 20. Each appears leave carrying bags or items and then returning almost immediately thereafter through the front entrance door near the police department.

Also appearing on the surveillance tapes are other unknown individuals who appear to be assisting the former officials in their marathon venture. Motion-activated security video frames include images of a small dog going in an out of the building along with a jogging female, apparently aiding Conzelman.

At the end of the security footage, shortly after 9 a.m. Monday morning, Edwards is seen turning off the lights and carrying out what appears to be a chrome plated shovel.

Last month, after being on the job for only six days, newly-elected Township Supervisor Kurt Hiese told members of the Plymouth Concerned Citizens group that he and the other recently elected officials had discovered an unusual number of missing records and files in their respective departments. He theorized that the records may have been digitized but said the incoming officials found many empty file drawers and records binders, which caused some inconvenience and frustration during the transition.

There was no indication of the disposal of the numerous bags and other items removed from the township offices but it appears that all the items were removed from municipal property.

Surveillance cameras at Plymouth Township Hall recorded Ron Edwards and Nancy Conzelman emptying their offices for more than 20 hours Nov. 19 and 20.

Fond farewell

Northville honors 30-year career of safety director

John Werth stood in front of the Northville Township Board of Trustees one final time and took a short breath.

He had just finished extolling the virtues of a police department that is celebrating its 50th anniversary, having evolved from a one-person staff to one of the most highly regarded agencies in the State of Michigan. There was just one more thing to do.

"Mr. Manager," he said, his voice breaking with emotion, "my tour is done."

With that, he made official his retirement from the department that he had served for more than 30 years, first as a patrolman, then a sergeant, chief of police and finally director of public safety. Both departments have evolved as the township itself has changed since Werth started May 31, 1985, and are well-poised to meet the challenges of the future said Township Manager Chip Snider. Snider, the former township police chief and director of public safety, promoted Werth to the chief position and has worked closely with him for nearly two decades.

"His legacy is strong," said Snider. "He's left a tremendous department behind him. We've worked together, we've mourned together, we've suffered together and some of that was difficult-but it was all worth it to get to where we are tonight."

Retiring Public Safety Director John Werth, at podium, surrounded by members of his department told the Northville Board of Trustees "My watch is done," at his final meeting last week. Photo by Shaun J. Nicoloff

Northville Township was still largely an institutional community when Werth's father, recently retired from the Detroit Police Department, moved the family there in 1978. When Werth joined the police department seven years later, the Northville Psychiatric Hospital was still open and active, the state mental hospital was still in operation and the Robert Scott Correctional Facility was under construction. Those facilities are closed now, awaiting development or already torn down.

Meanwhile, the population in the township nearly doubled. Beginning during his time as police chief in 2001 and public safety director in 2007, Werth helped raise the bar in both departments, pushing education and training and bringing Advanced Life Support to the community. When he was elected president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) last year, he pushed for the adoption of standards that would make the township department an accredited agency. It is now in line to become the first department in Michigan to be accredited through the MACP standards for the accreditation of police departments-standards which he helped adapt based on a

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County sheriff will patrol Wayne streets

Motorists in Wayne would be well advised to obey the speed limits and traffic laws as there is a new sheriff in town.

Members of the Wayne City Council recently approved an agreement with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to patrol the city streets and issue tickets for traffic infractions. The intergovernmental agreement was approved by a unanimous vote of the council members.

Undersheriff Daniel Pfannes attended the recent city council meeting and explained the new agreement, noting that the sheriff deputies would be primarily patrolling the main streets in the City of Wayne in an effort to augment the current traffic controls in place with the city police force.

Police Chief Alan Maciag said that the county officers would patrol and issue citations under the local statutes.

There will be no cost to the city for the patrols, Pfannes explained, and currently the county department has contracts for similar patrols in neighboring communities including Westland, Garden City and Romulus.

"As the officers have time, they will do traffic stops and controls," Pfannes said. Under the new agreement, 50 percent of the fines for traffic infractions would come back to the city and the other half go to the sheriff's department.

Pfannes, no stranger to the area, served with the Westland Police Department for 25 years prior to his appointment as undersheriff in Wayne County in 2007.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is the third largest law enforcement agency in the state.

There was no opposition to the intergovernmental agreement which will become effective within the next few weeks.

Canton

New leisure services director appointed

Greg Hohenberger has been named as the new director of Canton Leisure Services. Hohenberger will replace Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, who retired earlier this month after 22 years at Canton Township.

"Greg has championed numerous successful community initiatives throughout his career in Canton," said Canton Supervisor Pat Williams at a recent meeting of the board of trustees. "He is a proven leader who brings outside-the-box thinking backed by data-driven decision-making that will effectively help direct our award-winning Leisure Services Department."

Greg Hohenberger

Most recently, Hohenberger held the position of Canton Operations Manager, where he oversaw operations at several Leisure Services facilities since 2011, including: the Summit on the Park community recreation center, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center and Recreation Services. Hohenberger, who has been with Canton Township since 2003, also assisted with oversight of golf operations. In addition, he has led development of initial business plans for the department and the cost recovery program, as well as training and development of Leisure Services staff.

Hohenberger is currently a member of mParks, formerly known as Michigan Recreation and Park Association, presenting at numerous conferences and trade shows, and has previously served as treasurer of the group. In addition, Hohenberger is recognized by the National Certification Board (NCB) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) as a Certified Park and Recreation Professional.

Over the course of his 18-year career, Hohenberger has established a track record of successful management of recreation facilities and services, as well as tactical development of master plans, agency vision tactics, and other strategic initiatives, officials said.

"Canton is home to some of the most beautiful parks and popular family destinations in the Metro Detroit area, including: Summit on the Park, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Pheasant Run Golf Club, and the Canton Sports Center," said Hohenberger. "Our department is in the business of building community. I look forward to continuing to pursue this goal, while maintaining the level of success that our previous director, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, has set as a standard for Canton Leisure Services."

Hohenberger received a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation, as well as an MBA, from Eastern Michigan University and currently resides in Ypsilanti with his wife and four children.

Traffic accident claims life

The investigation into a fatal traffic accident in Canton Township is still open, according to officials.

Canton officers were dispatched at about 11:34 p.m. Dec. 12 to the area of Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue for a single car, pedestrian crash.

Upon arrival at the scene and interview, with witnesses, officers determined that a 30-year-old Canton Township resident was crossing the westbound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Lotz Road, going from the south side to the north when she was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

The victim was transported to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in critical condition and she latter succumbed to her injuries, according to police reports.

The driver of the vehicle stopped at the scene and was cooperative with officers, police said.

Speed, alcohol, and distracted driving do not appear to be factors in the crash with the driver, officers said.

The Canton Police Department Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate and the crash remains under investigation, according to police.

Fiber art now on exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild in the Gallery@VT through Jan. 2.

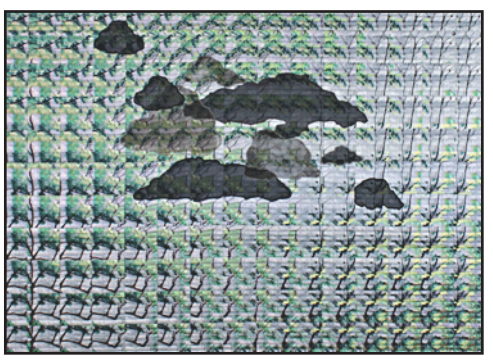
The Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild comprises a group of artists who champion the enjoyment of fiber arts through information and demonstration. Works on display include a wide variety of fiber art, such as: basketry, beading, bead embroidery, bead weaving, kumihimo, crochet, doll making, dyeing and painting, Embroidery, felting, garment design and construction, handmade paper and book art, knitting, knotting, quilting, sewing, spinning, weaving, and surface design. These one-of-a-kind textile creations contain unique color, pattern and textural details.

Exhibit artists include: Jill Ault, Bettie Bahen, Carol Fleischer, Sandra Kunkle, Anne Mackinnon, Madeline Navarro, Terry O'Toole, Mary Valerie Richter, Jenny Schu, Barbara Schutzgruber, Susan Trovillion, Helen Welford, Sharon Weltner and Kathy Zasuwa.

Originally founded in 1956 as a club for weavers, the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild provides opportunities for fiber artists to meet and exchange ideas, and to learn about fiber art through lectures and workshops. This group also participates in the Ann Arbor State Street Area Art Fair. For additional information about the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild, visit www.annarborfiberarts.org.

This current art exhibit at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday - Friday; during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5300. The Gallery is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.



Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – December 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Sneideman, supported by Anthony to move from open session to closed session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss pending litigation – Cherry Ridge VS Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously **6:17 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION – CHERRY RIDGE VS CANTON TOWNSHIP** Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist (arrived 6:06 p.m.), Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Dismissed from closed session to Reception for Fire Poster Contest Awards at 6:30 p.m. **6:30 P.M.: RECEPTION FOR FIRE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to move from closed to open session at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb, Director Conley **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to amend the agenda to add Item G-1A Consideration of Board Action on Attorney's Recommendation Regarding Pending Litigation in the matter of Cherry Ridge, LLC v Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the Revised Board Minutes of November 22, 2016 as presented to the board this evening. Motion carried unanimously. **DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER RATES** Director Faas and Director Trumbull presented a PowerPoint to the board and audience regarding 2016 Water and Sewer Rates. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours, or by calling 734-394-5120. The following residents expressed concerns regarding their water bills: Bill Hardin, 2393 Woodgreen Court, inquired about a second meter for residential lawn irrigation. Director Faas explained the township must pay the sewerage fees no matter what. Wayne County will not exempt outdoor water usage from the sewage bill to Canton, so other residents would have to absorb the sewage fees through higher rates. Wudman Adam, 8303 Trafford Court, owner of several businesses within the state, requested the township investigate the lawsuit in the City of Jackson regarding the issue of paying sewerage fees on water used solely for irrigation. Pam Hardin, 2393 Woodgreen Court, asked how the meters are calibrated and is the township sure they are in proper working order. Director Faas explained the meters are calibrated by the factory. Also the staff reviews exception reports that indicate extremely high or low usages. Ms. Hardin asked how often the water rates are reviewed. Supervisor Williams replied annually, in the spring of each year. George Miller 1946 Briarfield, inquired how long it will that the township to recoup the cost of building the Water Storage Facility. Director Trumbull estimated 3 to 4years. Mr. Miller also asked if it is feasible for the sewerage to flow to Ypsilanti. Director Faas replied it is possible for all the flow to go to Ypsilanti once some improvements completed. Mr. Lalit Aggarwal, 47199 Hidden Creek stated his last bill was $1700. He also would like a second meter for irrigation. Mr. Chuck Miller, 47074 Glastonbury, an energy auditor by trade, offered several suggestions for residents to control their water usage to reduce costs. Bernie Girardot, 1492 Hendrie, offered to be a tester for the second meters. Ann Marie Marsh, 468 Sylvan Drive, asked how to read her meter as it is the new type. She also wanted to know if the landscaping around her outdoor MXU interferes with the reading via radio frequency. Director Faas explained she can contact the Water Billing staff to set up an appointment with our Public Works crews to show her how to read her meter. Also, the shrubbery does not inhibit the readings. Jamie Nicolau, 48880 Central Park Drive, stated when he lived in Livonia his water bills were lower with the same consumption. Supervisor Williams asked to see the rates for Livonia. Director Faas agrees to obtain this information. Mohammad Ghasali, 7021 Sylvan, requested the township engage in additional negotiations to lower the fees we pay for sewerage in the summer months and provide a credit to the residents Jet Dhaliwal, 8445 Chatham, requested the township investigate ways to utilize the storm/rain water that goes into the rivers, ponds, and storm sewers for irrigation purposes possibly Following the comments by residents, board members made the following comments: Trustee Sneideman suggested residents compare their usage during similar seasons over the past few years. Treasurer Slavens explained to residents there is a handout available with FAQ's from the Water Billing Department. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, asked what the $7.40 administrative cost covers on tax bills. He asked why the township has a full time Tax Assessor. He asked if the township has a contract regarding the storage of dirt behind L.Georges on Michigan Avenue. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Establishment and Use of "Receiving Boards" in the 2017 Elections. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the resolution establishing the use of one or more "Receiving Boards" to administer any 2017 elections scheduled in the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF "RECEIVING BOARDS" IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WHEREAS,** MCL.168.679(a) provides the legislative body of a city, township, or village may, by resolution, provide that at an election at which the ballots are counted and certified at the precinct, 1 or more additional boards of election inspectors be appointed to serve as receiving boards. **WHEREAS,** For a precinct having receiving boards, the board of election commissioners shall appoint a receiving board consisting of 2 or more election inspectors, with an equal number from each major political party, and shall appoint an equal number of election inspectors from each major political party, and not less than 2 election inspectors in a precinct, representing each of the major political parties, shall deliver to the receiving board for that precinct a sealed ballot container containing the voted ballots in a separate sealed envelope; the poll book and statement of returns. **WHEREAS,** The poll book and statement of returns may be enclosed in a single sealed envelope and the receiving board shall open the sealed envelope and review the poll book and statement of returns to determine both of the following: (a) That the ballot container is properly sealed and the seal number is properly recorded in the poll book and the statement of returns. If the ballot container is not properly sealed or there is a discrepancy with the seal number recorded in the poll book or the statement of returns, the election inspectors who delivered the ballot container and the receiving board shall together take the necessary steps to correct the discrepancy. The election inspectors and the receiving board shall note the discrepancy and note the corrective action in the remarks section of the poll book and all shall sign the notation. (b) That the number of individuals voting recorded in the poll book equals the number of ballots issued to electors, as shown by the statement of returns. If the number of individuals voting as shown by the poll book does not equal the number of ballots counted as shown by the statement of returns, and if an explanation of the discrepancy has not been noted in the poll book, the receiving board shall ask the election inspectors about the discrepancy, note the explanation in the poll book, and all shall sign the notation. **WHEREAS,** if the poll book or statement of returns has been erroneously sealed in the ballot container, the election inspectors may open the ballot container and remove the poll book or statement of returns. The elections inspectors and receiving board shall note the corrective action in the remarks section of the poll book and all shall sign the notation before placing the poll book or statement of returns in a separate sealed envelope. If the statement of returns was sealed in the ballot container and the poll book was sealed in an envelope, the poll book shall be removed from the sealed envelope for the notation of corrective action to be recorded before placing the poll book and statement of returns in a sealed envelope. The receiving board shall notify the clerk of the board of canvassers responsible for canvassing all or a portion of the election of the corrective action taken. **WHEREAS,** when the receiving board has completed the review under subsection (3), the receiving board shall place the poll book and statement of returns in the appropriate envelope, sealed with a red paper seal and initialed by the receiving board. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Canton elects to use "receiving board in all elections scheduled in 2017 as provided in MCL. 168.679(a). **Item C-2. Appointments to the Election Commission. (Clerks)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to appointment Supervisor - Pat Williams; Treasurer - Dian Slavens; and Clerk - Michael Siegrist to the Election Commission for Canton Township with terms expiring November 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Request to Approve Purchase Order to Election Source for Full Service Testing of Election Equipment for the November 8, 2016 General Election. (Clerks)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve payment to Election Source, 4615 Danvers Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512, for preparation and testing of the Election equipment for the November 8, 2016 General Election in the amount of $14,190.00 from account 101-191.801_0050. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-4. Reappointment to the CDBG Advisory Council (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to extend Katherine S. Martin's term to the CDBG Advisory Council for an additional 90-days effective January 1, 2017 and expiring on March 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-5. Consider Confirmation of Action of Prior Board Authorizing Sale of Vacant Township Property on Michigan Avenue. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to confirm the action of the prior Board relative to the sale of vacant Township property, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign all documents necessary to complete the sale. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-6. Consider 2017 Meeting Dates for the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the 2017 Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room E of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, quarterly on the designated Monday of the established months Meeting Dates: February 13, 2017, May 8, 2017, August 14, 2017, November 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-7. Consider Approval of 2017 Building Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2017. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-8. Consider Approval of 2017 Planning Commission Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Planning Commission Meeting schedule for 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road as follows: January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-9. Consider Approval of 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2017 as follows: Second Thursday of each month: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-10. Re-Appointment of Greg Greene and Appointment of Anne Marie Graham- Hudak to the Planning Commission. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to re-appoint Greg Greene to the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to appoint Anne Marie Graham-Hudak to the Canton Township Planning Commission for the duration of her elected term. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-11. Consider Re-appointments of Greg Trombley, Joseph Philips and Bob Paciocco to the Building Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to re-appoint Greg Trombley, Joseph Philips and Bob Paciocco to the Building Board of Appeals for a three month term to expire March 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1A. Consideration of Board Action on Attorney's Recommendation Regarding Pending Litigation. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman in the matter of Cherry Ridge, LLC v Canton Township (United States District Court), to approve the proposed Second Amendment to Consent Judgment, and further authorize the Township supervisor and Township Clerk to sign on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman in the matter of Cherry Ridge, LLC v Canton Township (United States District Court), to approve the proposed First Amendment to Consent Judgment, and further authorize the Township supervisor and Township Clerk to sign on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-1. Consider Approval to Reclassify One Human Resources Specialist Position to Human Resources Supervisor. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster I hereby move to approve the reclassification of the Human Resources Specialist position held by Barbara Brouillette to Human Resources Supervisor; the position will be reclassified to Pay Grade 8 on the Non-Union Wage scale as approved and recommended by the Merit Commission. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of Wage Increase for Merit (Full-Time Non-Union) Employees for the 2017 Fiscal Year. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the proposed 2.0% across the board wage scale increase for Merit Employees for the 2017 fiscal year, as recommended by the Merit Commission at their meeting of December 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-3. Consider Site Plan Approval for Best Western Plus and Suites. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Best Western Plus and Suites WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Brian Biskner, has requested site plan approval for Best Western Plus and Suites to be located on Lotz Road between Michigan Avenue and Van Born Road, identified as tax EDP # 142-01-0073-000 and 142-01-0076- 000; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, with conditions as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Brian Biskner, to approve the site plan for the proposed Best Western Plus and Suites subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Terry G. Siegrist, Clerk Charter Township of Canton **Item G-4. Consider Approval of a Resolution Accepting Jurisdiction and Maintenance of a Storm Sewer Pipe Under Denton Road for the Future "Landings" Development. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the modified resolution "Agreement for Long-Term Maintenance of the Stormwater Management System" for the Landings Development and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign this document on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Approve 2016 Budget Adjustments. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the budget adjustments to the 2016 Budget as presented to the Board. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Award Four (4) Housing Rehabilitation Contracts. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation at xxxx Brookshire to Stratton Home Improvement in the amount of $24,924 plus a contingency of $76 for a purchase order total of $25,000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation at xxxx Rudgate to Stratton Home Improvement in the amount of $20,800 plus a contingency of $2,080 for a purchase order total of $22,880. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation at xxxx Alton to Stratton Home Improvement in the amount of $24,700 plus a contingency of $300 for a purchase order total of $25,000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation at xxxx S. Canton Center to Stratton Home Improvement in the amount of $24,900 plus a contingency of $100 for a purchase order total of $25,000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-7. Approve Proposal for Township Telephone Carrier Services Renewal. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the contract renewal with Telnet Worldwide for telephone carrier services for a three-year period from the date of contract signing. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-8. Request to Approve Election Payroll from November 8, 2016. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the November 8, 2016 election payroll for a total amount not to exceed $94,720.00. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-9. Award Bid for Printing, Sorting, and Distribution of the Discover Brochure. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to award the printing, sorting, and distribution of four editions of the 2017/2018 Discover Brochure to Woodward Printing Services, 11 Means Drive, Platteville WI 53818 in the amount of $46,076 to be paid from the following accounts over 2017 & 2018: Senior 101-672-50-900_0040 $ 3,100.00 Recreation 101-691-50-900_0040 $ 13,891.00 Summit 208-757-50-900_0040 $ 4,000.00 CSC 101-755-50-900_0040 $ 2,047.00 **TOTAL $ 23,038.00** Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bernie Girardot, resident, complimented the Clerk on the election and the board on the meeting. **OTHER:** Trustee Foster wished the board and members of the audience: Happy Holidays. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ___**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk**

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Northville - Plymouth

Northville board appoints new trustee

Richard Allen takes the oath of office from Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand following his unanimous appointment to the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Richard Allen to fill the vacancy on the board left by the sudden death of Marvin Gans.

Board members approved the nomination made by Township Supervisor Robert Nix at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Nix noted Allen's previous service on the board of trustees and his more than 30 years on the township planning commission.

"Several people approached the township about assuming the empty board seat. It was important to me to nominate someone who represents the same constituency as Mr. Gans did so ably and for so long. I also wanted someone who would hit the ground running, who was knowledgeable about how the township runs and was familiar with the big issues facing the township. Mr. Allen is of the same generation and has championed many of the same projects; in short, he matches all these needs," Nix said.

Allen accepted the nomination and Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand administered the oath of office during the meeting.

This was the last regular meeting of the board members at which the seat could be filled by vote of the board of trustees. Michigan law gives appointment authority to the trustees for 45 days after a seat is vacated. After 45 days, authority is passed to the County Board of Commissioners, and then to the Governor's office. Appointees serve until the next general election, which will be in November, 2018.

Allen is a longtime resident of Northville Township. He served two terms on the Northville Township Board of Trustees, more than 30 years on the planning commission, and has been on the economic development and Brownfield commissions, the historic district commission, parks and recreation commission, Friends of Thayer's Park committee, and Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission. He and his wife, Pat, live in the Northville Hills subdivision. Their son, Jim, currently serves on the Northville City Council.

Plymouth officials to sell snow machine

Don Howard
Staff Writer

It took the new officials in Plymouth Township only 3 minutes to approve the sale of the controversial snow machine purchased by the previous administration.

Members of the township board of trustees unanimously approved a motion to sell the snow-making device which was purchased in February and delivered in March of last year.

The machine, a SMI Pole Cat Snow Gun, was purchased directly from a Midland manufacturing company in response to an avid proposal from former Treasurer Ron Edwards who insisted on the immediate purchase of the $21,820 unit he had personally selected for the Plymouth Township Park sledding hill. He claimed he needed as much time as possible for testing the machine, making immediate action on the purchase necessary. His motion for the expense was approved by a 4-3 vote with Trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Chuck Curmi and Mike Kelly casting the opposing votes while former Supervisor Richard Reaume, Edwards, defeated Clerk Nancy Conzelman and the late Trustee Kay Arnold acquiesced to his urgings. All four of the officials were facing a recall petition drive at the time.

Those opposed to the purchase noted the national statistics which show that there are more than 20,000 sledding accidents resulting in injuries annually, a statistic Edwards dismissed peremptorily. In March 2015, Edwards personally accepted delivery of the machine at the township DPW building from a special flat bed truck required to transport the huge device.

Subsequently, township officials were notified that extensive funding would be required for new water lines, plumbing installations, hydraulic pumps and 3-phase electrical wiring to make the snow machine operable. At the time of purchase, officials did not know if sufficient water pressure was available at the site to power the machine.

When the machine was finally operational, neighbors in the adjoining subdivision complained of the continuous drone of the blowers and pumps keeping them awake as the machine operated throughout the night to provide adequate snow for the hill.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise told board members at the Tuesday meeting he wanted the machine gone and already had potential leads for buyers. Without fanfare, Doroshewitz read the motion to sell the device and Trustee Gary Heitman quickly seconded it.

The motion was presented and unanimously approved in less than 3 minutes.

Christmas at the White House exhibit continues

Abraham Lincoln would go out shopping on Christmas Eve each year to buy toy soldiers for his son. Calvin Coolidge hosted the first National Tree Lighting Ceremony in 1923.

Those bits of White House holiday trivia and much more fill the Yuletide at the White House exhibit that will continue at the Plymouth Historical Museum through Dec. 31.

The holiday exhibit was inspired by the traditions of the past presidents, first ladies and their families, noted museum Executive Director Elizabeth Kerstens in a website statement.

"After the success of the First Ladies-Fashion Setters exhibit, it seemed only natural to turn the focus toward the White House holiday traditions," said Kerstens.

She added that the First Families have a lot of fascinating stories to share. Vignettes throughout the museum highlight the different personalities of the presidents and visitors can discover the early celebrations of George Washington's time when it wasn't all about children and presents-Christmas was for adults-with merry-making, hunting and games. Classic scenes like Franklin Delano Roosevelt reading Charles Dickens to his family by the fire are presented.

Kerstens said the featured antique toys, doll house furniture and banks on loan from a local collector are of special interest and that visitors can also enjoy displays of antique wintry gear for sledding, skating, skiing and snowshoeing.

Old holiday recipes and Christmas cards are also on display, Kerstens said.

The museum is located at 155 South Main St. just north of downtown Plymouth. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children 6-17. The display is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The building will be closed Christmas and New Years Day.

Werth

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similar program from New Jersey.

Not bad, considering he almost went into hotel and restaurant management.

"I wasn't interested in going into law enforcement when I went to college," he said. He did earn a criminal justice minor, though, and after graduating from the police academy at Jackson College, took a chance and applied in Northville Township.

"Look what happened," he said. "It's been a good choice."

Werth said he gives credit to the board of trustees, which has always supported the police and fire departments through the years, for their assistance in growing the departments into well-respected agencies. He counts among his best accomplishments the fact that Northville has a highly-educated public safety department that will soon be an accredited agency.

"You always want to leave something better than when you started," he said. "This is one of the finest public safety agencies you'll ever see and I am very proud of it."

The meeting last Thursday also served to hand the torch to Werth's successor, Todd Mutchler. Mutchler joined the department earlier this year as deputy director of police services, after a long and distinguished career with Canton Township.

"I guarantee he will guide this department well into the future," said Werth of the former director of public safety in Canton. "We got the right person at the right time."

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 5, 2016
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe.
Excused: William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Excused: Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-489 2A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Crout** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 28, 2016. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Roscoe (absent). **Motion Carried**.
16-490 2B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council joint session with the Planning Commission held on November 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Master Plan Amendment for Vining Road Development District. **Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Roscoe (absent) **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner: Reverend Arthur Willis.
16-491 3A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Crout** to approve the closure of Wayne Road north and southbound from Wick to Michelle and Wick Road from the Middle School to Wayne Road on Monday, January 16, 2017 from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. for the annual Martin Luther King Day Walk. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
4. Chairperson's Report:
16-492 4A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the City Attorney recommendation regarding the Turner matter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the Chairperson's Report.**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Dennis Davidson spoke about the Wreaths Across America Project. There will be a Veteran's Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery – volunteers are needed to help place wreaths on the veterans' graves.
16-493 5A1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Makowski** to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Mike and Sharon Wojtylko. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-494 5A. Moved by **Makowksi,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) Memorandum of Agreement with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Discussion: Finance Director, Suzanne Moreno, explained the program and said the City will try it (with Council's approval) for one year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-495 5B. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 16/17-06 to the lowest bidder, On Duty Gear, for ballistic duty vests for the Romulus Police Department in the amount of $20,020.00 **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
16-496 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 16/17-16, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of November 28, 2016. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-497 6A2. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 16/17-17, 34th District Court - Building Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of November 28, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-498 6A3. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 16/17-18, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of November 28, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that the tax bills were mailed out last week.
7. Public Comment:
Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, spoke about the success of the spaghetti fundraiser dinner for a veteran and his family.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business:
Councilwoman Makowski announced upcoming events at the Romulus Public Library.
10. Communication
11. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 5, 2016.

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Inkster - Wayne - Westland

Inkster installs first city 'Little Library'

Little Libraries are a global phenomenon and the small, front-yard book exchanges number 36,000 around the world in 70 countries - from Iceland to Tasmania to Pakistan. Now, a new Little Free Library at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middlebelt will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that supports the worldwide movement to offer free books housed in small containers to members of the local community. Residents can stop at any Little Free Library and choose a book to take home. Once finished, the book should be returned from the little library where it was obtained, or to one in a different area. The library needs the help of the community to survive, the idea behind it is to "Take a Book. Leave a Book," This is an entirely free service but it is supported by the donation of books from members of the community. Residents who have a spare book or two should take them to the library, and leave them behind when you make your selection. Those who have a large number of books to donate can contact alebo@cityofinkster.com to make arrangements. The little library was built and donated to the Inkster Police Department by a member of the Boy Scouts of America Great Lakes Field Council. The location at the recreation complex was chosen due to the high volume of people who visit the complex. If successful, officials said they will look into placing additional libraries in local neighborhoods to increase citizens' ease of access.

"Our Little Free Library doesn't just belong to us; it belongs to the whole city. Our primary goal to encourage youth to read and it's our hope that this Little Free Library will bring a little more joy, a little more connection and a whole lot more books to our community," said Inkster Police Chief William Riley

"I want the community to utilize the little free library to encourage literacy to try and increase our scholastic levels. Reading is fundamental and a key principle that is used in our lives daily that is why this initiative is so important, so our youth have to know and understand that," noted Craig Lewis, Inkster Parks and Recreation program manager.

The Little Free Library nonprofit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association, and Reader's Digest named them one of the "50 Surprising Things We Love about America." Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries. To learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

Wayne Chamber of Commerce presents awards

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce recently announced several annual award winners during the annual Holiday Luncheon.

Chamber President Don Nicholson said, "Every one of our winners have set a great example of what a good business does to be involved in the community.

The Service Group of the Year award went to Wayne Main Street, for their continued support of the downtown business community. Nicholson said the chamber members also wanted to thank Lindsey Wooten for her leadership of the group and the efforts to help small businesses in the city.

Helium Studios was chosen as the Small Business of the Year.

"Owners Kim (White-Jenkins) and Dave (Jenkins) have gone beyond running a good business. Kim and Dave are involved in multiple projects in the community, as well as organizing events to bring people to Wayne," Nicholson said.

Demmer Ford was chosen as the Large Business of the Year.

"We all know if there is anything going on in town, Demmer Ford and the Demmer family are right there helping out. Supplying manpower, donating money, and sometimes volunteering with time," Nicholson said.

"The chamber also honored two people with service awards. Bob Pugh who has been a Chamber of Commerce Board member and treasurer for a number of years.

"Bob will be stepping down the end of December. Bob has been a great addition to our board and has worked many additional hours as our volunteer staff carried the weight of the chamber for the last two years," Nicholson said.

"Ken Miller served our board for four years. The last two years, Ken has served as our vice president. Ken is stepping down due to his job responsibilities with his employer, S.T.E.P. We like to call Ken our supper networker. Ken is very well known throughout the Wayne County area," Nicholson said.

"Our community is better because we have these people and others in it. Please tell them thank you for their support to the community and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce," Nicholson concluded in a prepared statement.

Holiday decorating contest will end Saturday

The "All American Holiday Decorating Contest" is now under way in Westland and will continue until midnight on Saturday, Dec. 24. Residents can visit the City of Westland website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

Entries will also be accepted from posts on twitter or instagram, tagging @CityofWestland and using the hashtag #westlandholidaypride.

Anyone can go onto the website, view the entries and vote for their favorite holiday decorating display. Voting will close at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Winners will be announced and awarded prizes at the Jan. 9 meeting of the Westland City Council.

"One of my favorite memories of the holidays growing up in Westland was driving around with my parents to look at the holiday lights and decorations," commented Mayor William Wild. "We have a lot of creative, festive residents here and I am excited to see what everyone comes up with."

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1. Obituaries

CARL IRVINE BRYANT

Carl Irvine Bryant, 68, of Northville, died Dec. 18, 2016.

Mr. Bryant was the beloved husband of Kimberly Bryant; loving father of Kevin (Vicky) Bryant; Michael (Michelle) Bryant; Robert (Zoe) Adler and Brandi Adler; dearest grandfather of Liam Bryant, Lucy Bryant, Kayla Treind, Ciara Bryant, Zachary Bryant, Minnie Adler, Phoebe Adler and Otto Adler. He is also survived by his brothers Gary Bryant and Russell Snyder.

Mr. Bryant was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lorina Bryant and his brother, David Snyder.

Services took place yesterday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Township. His cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to U of M Hospital. www.mimemorial.com

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Belleville - Romulus

Chamber sets annual awards dinner date

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Holiday Party and Silent Auction is planned for Jan. 21, 2017.

This year, the event will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and tickets are priced at $50 per person. The ticket price includes a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine. Tables of eight can be purchased at a discount rate of $360, officials said.

The evening will include an awards ceremony during which the recipients of the Ted Kuckelman, Leona Van Buhler and Business of the Year awards will be honored. Entertainment will be provided by Dueling Pianos and a silent auction is also planned as part of the evening. Chamber of Commerce membership awards will also be presented.

Chamber officials are currently accepting items that can be used as part of the silent auction. Donated items can be picked-up for the convenience of local merchants or businesses, officials said. Anyone making a donation will be acknowledged at the event. "Without the generous support of numerous individuals and businesses, these events would not be possible," noted Paul Henning, executive director of the chamber in a prepared statement.

"Mark your calendar now to attend! Invite your family and friends for a night filled with good food, good company and many laughs. It is also a great time to congratulate and celebrate with our award recipients," Henning continued.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the chamber office at (734) 697-7151.

Holiday spirit

Students give back to area charities

Students at Romulus Community Schools have taken the adage, "It is better to give than to receive" to heart and are putting those words into action.

Prior to Thanksgiving the Romulus Eagle varsity basketball team volunteered their time at the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor. The team prepared meals for 29 families who were staying at the house while their children received medical treatment at the University of Michigan hospital.

> *It is clear that service learning is a priority in our district, and community.*

The National Honor Society from Romulus High also helped in the kitchen and served food, at the Romulus House Restaurant's annual free Thanksgiving dinner. Although the meal is free, donations are accepted to assist with providing local families with Christmas gifts through the Goodfellows organization.

The Romulus Youth Leadership Movement coordinated the annual canned food drive at Romulus Middle School. The group hosts a school-wide collection of non-perishable food items during November and December. The food is then delivered to the Helping Hands of Romulus where they distribute the food to nearly 50 local families to assist with holiday meals.

Romulus Elementary School Art Teacher Regan Andrzejewski and Positive Behavior Coach Leticia Horry teamed up to create holiday cards for veterans. The elementary students used their creative talents to design cards that will be delivered to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor.

In a collaborative effort Stephanie Mitchell, Lisa Hollis, and Peni Gray from the transportation department volunteered their time during the community wide "Stuff the Bus" project. Through the final week of November and the first week of December, the three drove the bus daily to and from city hall. The school district provided the bus, and community members donated food, clothing, personal care items, toys, and even pet supplies. All of the donations were then disbursed to local charitable organizations.

Mark Edwards, coordinator of school relations for Romulus Community Schools said, "It is clear that service learning is a priority in our district, and community. Many of our teachers and staff focus on the importance of character education and giving back to the community."

National Honor Society students are all smiles after helping out at the Romulus House free Thanksgiving dinner.

Members of the Romulus Eagles basketball team are ready to help at Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.

Teacher Regan Andrzejewski, right, helps Romulus Elementary students display some of the holiday cards for veterans they made.

Romulus Youth Leadership members at Romulus Middle School show some of the donations to their canned food drive.

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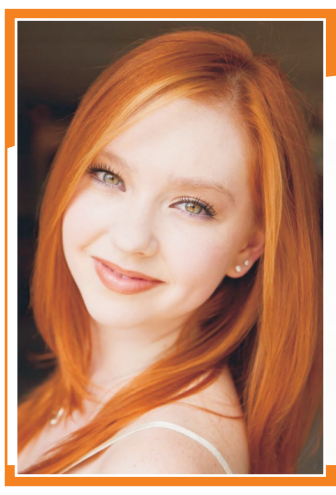

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Calendar of events

Distinguished alumni sought

Nominations are being sought for the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate award.

Nominations will be accepted for the annual honor until Jan. 31. The Distinguished Graduate Award is an annual honor that recognizes Belleville High School graduates who have distinguished themselves in business or profession, or have contributed to the welfare and progress of the community.

Nominees must have graduated prior to 2006. The selected honoree, or family member in the case of the posthumous award, will be invited to attend the National Honor Society induction ceremony April 28, when the award will be presented.

Nomination forms are available on the website of the Van Buren Public Schools and at the school administration building.

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com.

Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

Winter clothing collected

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth,) will also be collecting donations through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Candy Cane contest begins

The Romulus Public Library is now accepting entries in the Candy Cane Counting Contest.

Entries will be accepted through Dec. 30 from those 18 and younger who must guess the number of candy canes in the jar. There will be one winner who guesses the total number of canes in the jar. In case of a tie, the library staff will choose a random winner to be announced Jan. 2.

The library is located as 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Trains on display

The Plymouth District Library will be showcasing the splendor of Europe, albeit in 1:87 scale, from 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Dec. 29 - 30 and Jan. 2-3. The Great Lakes Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts will share their modular H0 scale model railroad, featuring European model trains running through cities and countryside.

The extensive display will consist of interchangeable modules, each measuring 2 by 4 feet. Four trains can be run simultaneously in a circular manner; cutting through European countries and landmarks, such as a German beer garden, the Berlin wall and a Dutch windmill.

There is no admission charge for this library display - it is made possible by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. The library is located at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

For more information about the library exhibit, call (734) 453-0750.

Parents' Night Out offered

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is offering a Parents Night Out winter break with a program for children from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 29.

For a $25 per child fee, the center will provide pizza, pop at three hours of entertainment for children ages 4-14.

Registration is available at the awaudtice office, between noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To register for activities, call (734) 927-4095 by Dec. 28.

PARC is located in the former Central Middle School, 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

Santaland Diaries on stage

The Tipping Point Theatre will present THE SANTALAND DIARIES by David Sedaris starring Craig Bentley as Crumpet the Elf.

The play based on the true chronicles of David Sedaris' humorous experience as Crumpet the Elf in Macy's department store.

Only two shows are available; 8 p.m. Dec. 30 and 31. Tickets for the Dec. 30 show are $35 and tickets for the special New Year's Eve event are $85, $40 of which is tax deductible. The Dec. 31 show includes live music after the performance by jazz pianist, Mark LoDuca Sr.

Appetizers from Rocky's will be served along with dessert, wine and a champagne toast close to midnight.

The Santaland Diaries is recommended for those 14 and older as it contains mature content and language, and the secret of Santa is exposed.

The Tipping Point Theater is located at 361 East Cady in Northville. For tickets or information, call (248) 347-0003 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

New Years Eve circus show

Come one, come all to see the Detroit Circus at a special New Year's Eve show beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. Talented performers will perform high-flying aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and acrobatics, contortion, juggling, feats of mind-bending strength and acro-balance, as well as a variety of circus sideshow acts.

Each ticket includes one non-alcoholic drink and one popcorn, plus exciting pre-show activities such as: face painting, temporary tattoos, photo-ops and strolling circus entertainers in the lobby starting at 6 p.m. Tickets to this special performance are $20 each. For tickets or additional information, call (734) 394-5300.

Museum program planned

The Sanborn Maps will be the topic of a talk by Tyler Moll during a program at 5 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Moll will discuss the maps created from 1867 through 2007 to assess fire insurance liability in urbanized areas of the country. Moll will display the maps available of Wayne.

For more information, call (732) 722-0113. The museum is locate at 1 Towne Square in Wayne.

Friends sell used books

The Friends of the Romulus Library will host a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14.

Saturday is bag day.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589.

Strikes For Freedom set

The fourth Bowl It Out event, dedicated to spreading the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is planning for 7:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at Wayne Bowl.

The event was started by Printing Plus by United Sonz and this year the theme is Strikes for Freedom with a message of hope, love and prosperity.

The team fee of $100 included a five person team with two games of bowling, shoe rental and a shirt.

There will be a live disc jockey, full kitchen, mystery jackpots and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the local non-profit African American Endowment Fund.

For registration and information, call (734) 485-8889.

Distinguished young women sought

The next Distinguished Young Woman program will take place March 10 and preparations are already under way to find participants.

An orientation meeting for young women who are juniors in high school will take place Monday, Jan. 23 at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne.

The program format has changed, organizers said, and the program now focuses on junior rather than senior high school students.

Any high school junior who lives in Wayne or Westland can register at any time at www.distinguishedyw.org and clicking on Apply Now.

Those who enter will be contacted with more detailed information regarding the orientation meeting, organizers said.

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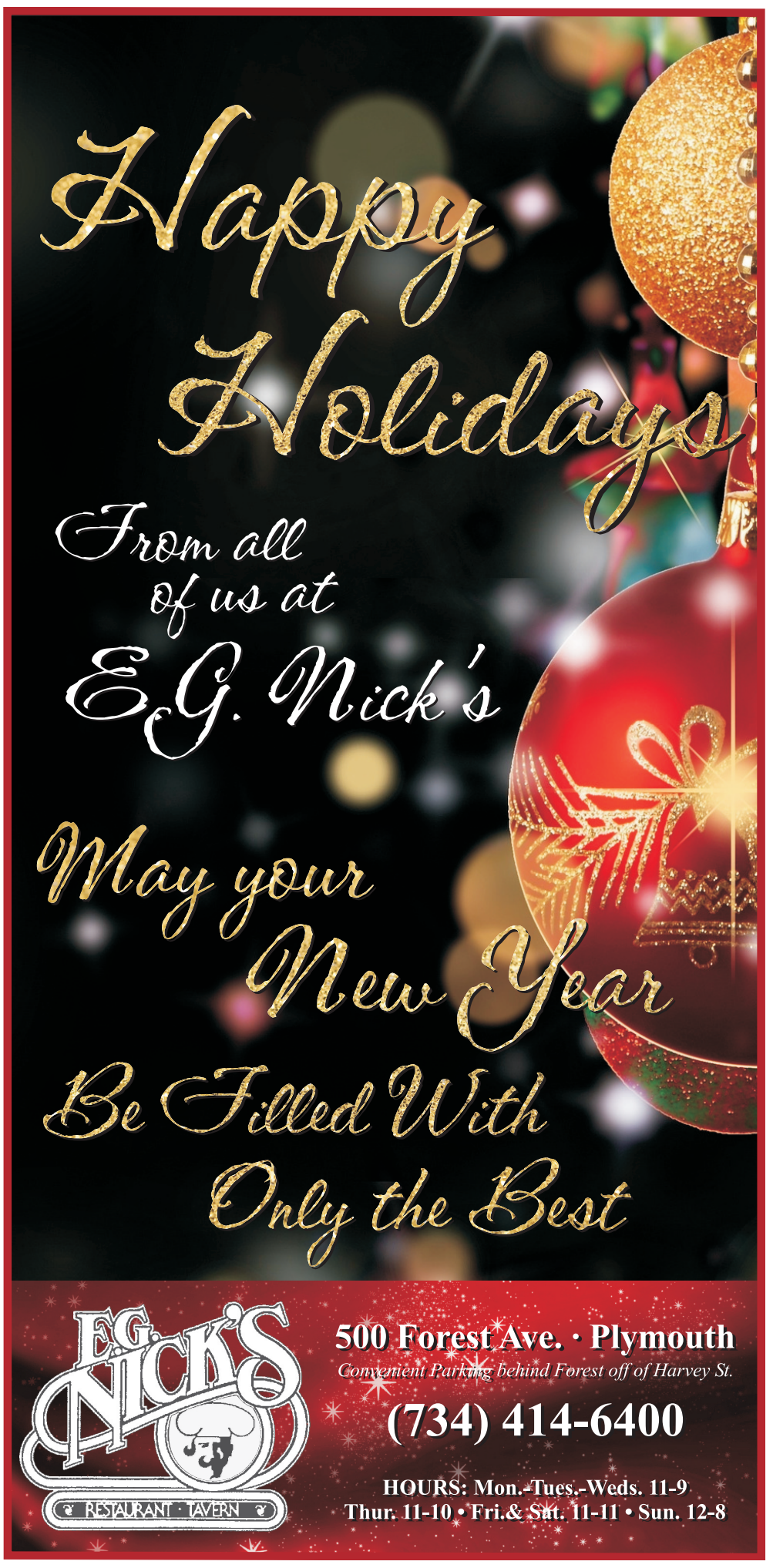
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